

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 1, 4, 9-11, 13-15 and 17-20, will be pending for further examination.

Claim 1 is amended in accordance with subject matter previously recited in claim 3 with further identification of the amphiphilic anti-deposition component in accordance with the subject matters previously recited in claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, no new matter is added. (The phrase "for use in" is replaced by "suitable for use in.")

Claim 9 is amended merely to make it alternatively dependent on claim 1 or claim 4.

Claim 10 is amended to delete the parenthetical expression "(linear or branched)" which was considered to render the claim indefinite.

Claims 13 and 14 are each amended to positively recite the refrigerant.

Claim 15 is amended to change the dependency to claim 1.

In view of the amended claims (including the cancelation of claim 16) the claim rejections under 35 USC § 112/101, have been avoided and/or are respectfully traversed.

Claims 19 and 20 are added. Claim 19 finds support based on the disclosures on page 8, lines 13-15 and 22-23. Claim 20 finds support based on the disclosure on page 9, lines 25-31. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by these new claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Glova, US 4,556,496.

In view of the amendment to claim 1, which includes the subject matter of claim 6, this rejection has been avoided. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1, 2, 4-6, 8-9 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Reyes-Gavilan et al, US 5,792,383.

In view of the amendment to claim 1, which includes the subject matter of claim 3, this rejection has been avoided. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 12-18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Magid et al, US 4,755,316.

In view of the amendment to claim 1, which includes the subject matter of claim 6, this rejection has been avoided. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Finally, claims 1-5, 7-11 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schnur et al, US 5,906,769.

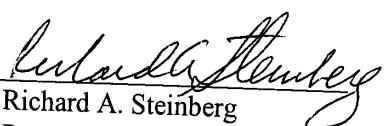
In view of the amendment to claim 1, which includes the subject matter of claim 6, this rejection has been avoided. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The newly presented claims 19 and 20 are believed to be in condition for allowance for the same reasons as for the amended claim 1, namely, the cited references do not disclose a refrigerant lubricant composition comprising a synthetic lubricant consisting of a polyol ester and/or a polyalkylene glycol and an amphiphilic anti-deposition agent which is anionic and contains a non-polar part to the molecule which contains a fluorocarbon group; or with an amphiphilic anti-deposition agent which is an alkyl alkoxylated derived from an alkylene oxide and a moiety derived from a compound having an active hydrogen atom and an oleophilic moiety, an ester of a polyalkylene glycol or a fluorinated polyether; or which is a dialkylsulphonsuccinate, a salt thereof, a fluoroaliphatic polymeric ester, a comb graft copolymer of methyl methacrylate/methacrylic acid/methoxy polyethyleneoxide methacrylate, or a solution of an acrylic graft copolymer.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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